



WHOSE SIDE...

...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. AFTER THE RASH ACTIONS OF FOUR YOUNG HEROES CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, A SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT IS PASSED BY CONGRESS, AND NOW ALL THOSE POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. REACTION AMONG THE SUPER HEROES IS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH AN AWOL CAPTAIN AMERICA ON ONE SIDE AND A PRO-REGISTRATION IRON MAN ON THE OTHER. AS HEROES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE BEING ARRESTED FOR REFUSING TO REGISTER, SPIDER-MAN MAKES A BOLD MOVE AND UNMASKS IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA...

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CIVIL WAR

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CIVIL WAR

After Stamford, Connecticut is destroyed during a televised fight between the New Warriors and a group of dangerous villains, public sentiment turns against super heroes.

Johnny Storm, the Human Torch, is attacked outside a nightclub and beaten into a coma. Advocates call for reform, and a Superhuman Registration Act is debated, which would require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulge their true identities to the authorities and submit to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents.

One week later, the Act is passed. Any person with superhuman powers who refuses to register is now a criminal.



Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society, and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and begins to form a resistance movement.

Spider-Man, who has allied himself with Iron Man and the pro-registration side, not only registers, but also un.masks as Peter Parker in front of the media.



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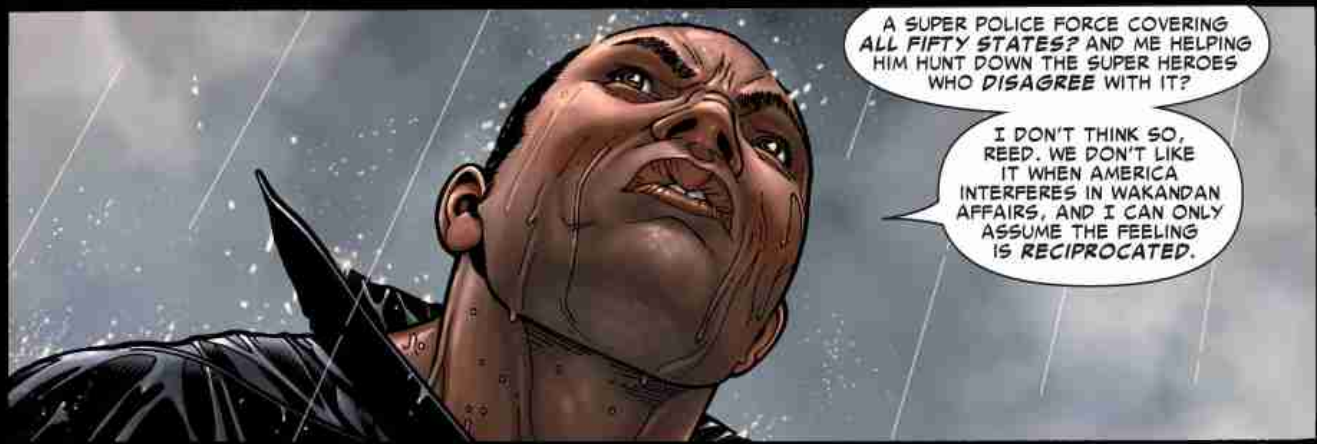
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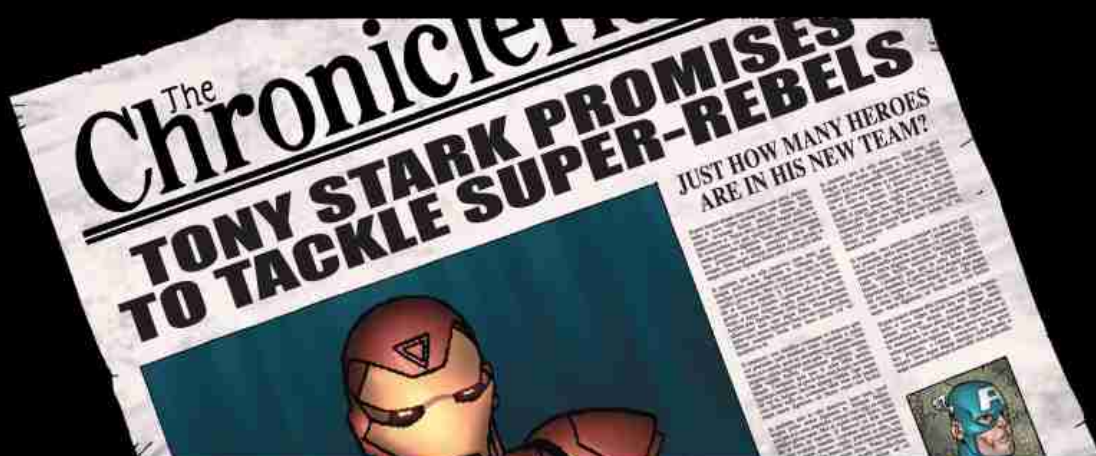
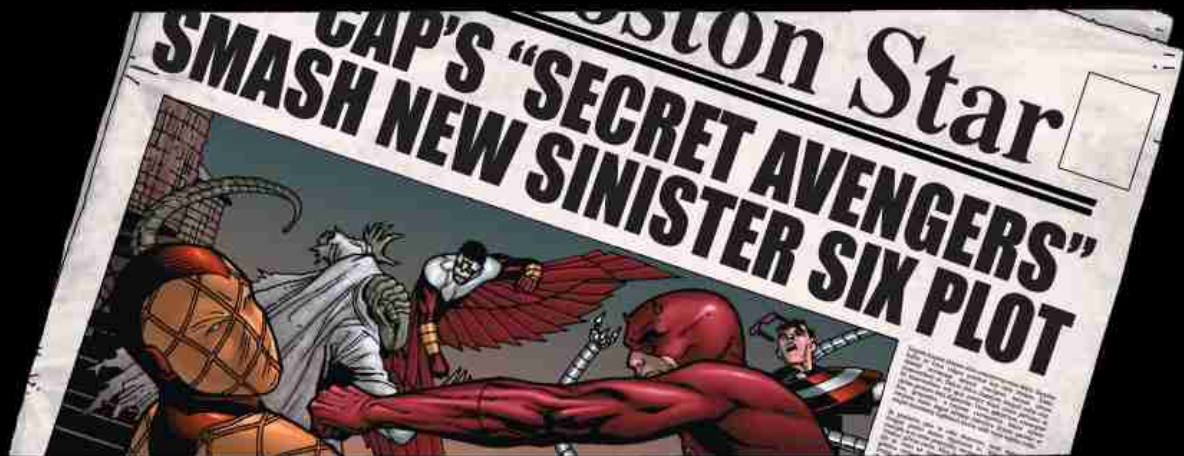
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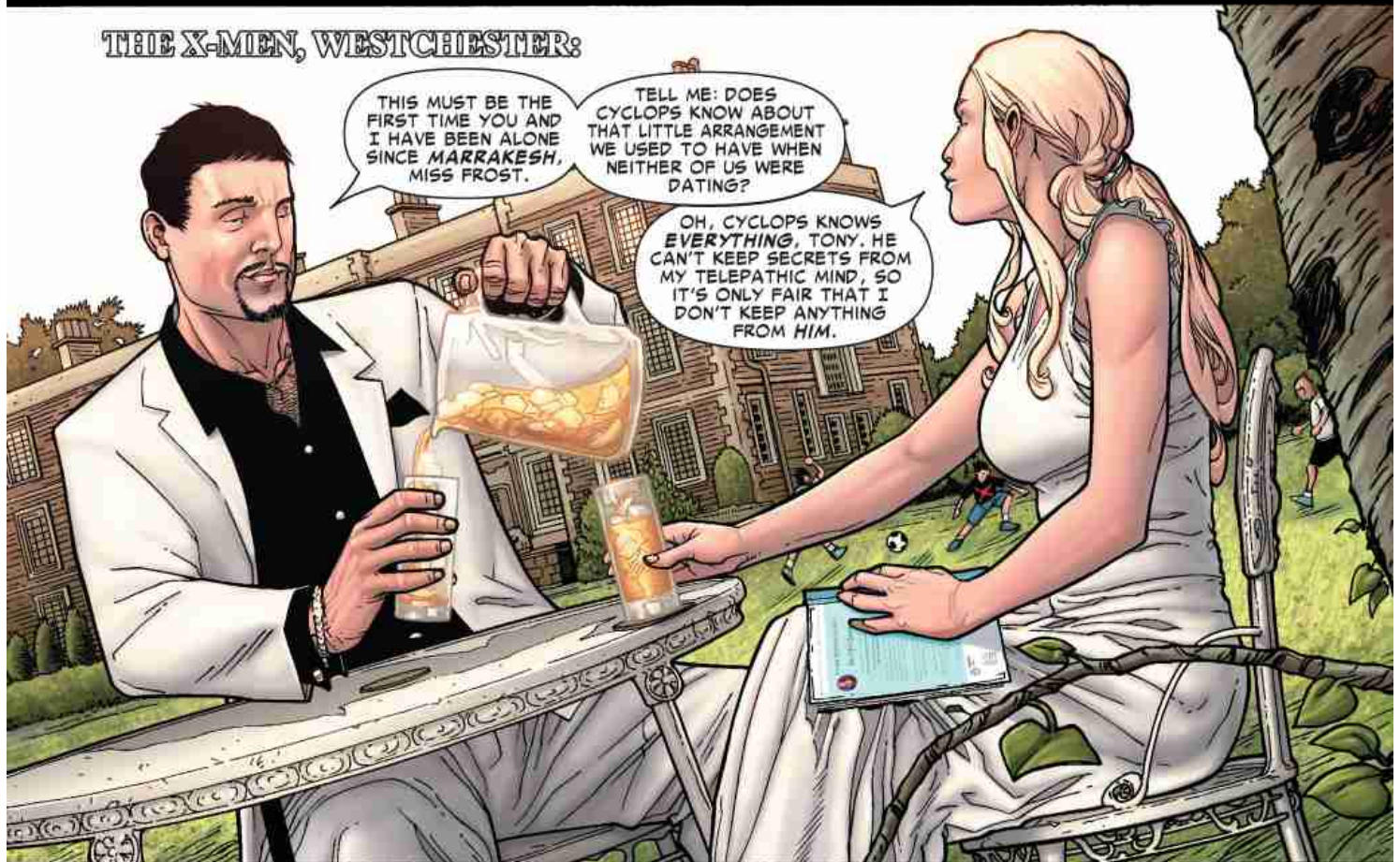


THE BLACK PANTHER, WAKANDA:





THE X-MEN, WESTCHESTER:





EVEN WITH NINETY-PERCENT **PUBLIC BACKING?** AND THAT **BOYFRIEND** OF YOURS SO KEEN TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE **WHITE HOUSE** AGAIN?



PERHAPS WE JUST KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PERSECUTED WHILE YOU'RE **FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT**, MISTER STARK.



ASK THE MOMS AND DADS IN **STAMFORD** IF THEY THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA'S STILL **FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT**.

OH, PLEASE. DON'T TRY TO **BLACKMAIL** ME WITH **GENOCIDE**. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO **COMPARE NOTES**?



WHERE WERE THE **AVENGERS** WHEN **GENOSHA** DIED, **IRON MAN**?

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN **OUR BABIES** WERE **BURNING**?



I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF YOUR STUDENTS, EMMA. IS IT REALLY WISE TO PUT THEM ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

OH, WE DON'T WANT A FIGHT, DARLING. WE'RE PERFECTLY HAPPY TO REMAIN ON THIS RESERVATION THEY'VE MADE FOR US. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU LEAVE US ALONE AND, IN RETURN, YOU HAVE OUR WORD THAT WE WON'T JOIN FORCES WITH YOUR STAR-SPANGLED FRIEND.



YOUR CHOICE, MISTER STARK.



THEY COMING OVER, BOSS?

AFRAID NOT, HAPPY, BUT THEY'RE NOT JOINING CAP'S SIDE EITHER WHICH MEANS WE STILL HAVE A HUGE ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF ACTUAL NUMBERS.

I SAY WE GO AHEAD WITH THE CONTAINMENT AS PLANNED. I WANT THOSE GUYS NEUTRALIZED BEFORE I GO PUBLIC WITH THE FIFTY-STATE INITIATIVE.



IRON MAN?



CAN WE TALK?

CAPTAIN AMERICA:

MY NAME IS BRETT HENDRICK, AND I'M A SECURITY SUPERVISOR AT A SHOPPING MALL IN QUEENS.

HERCULES:

I AM VICTOR TEGLER, AND I AM AN I.T. CONSULTANT FOR A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION.

DAREDEVIL:

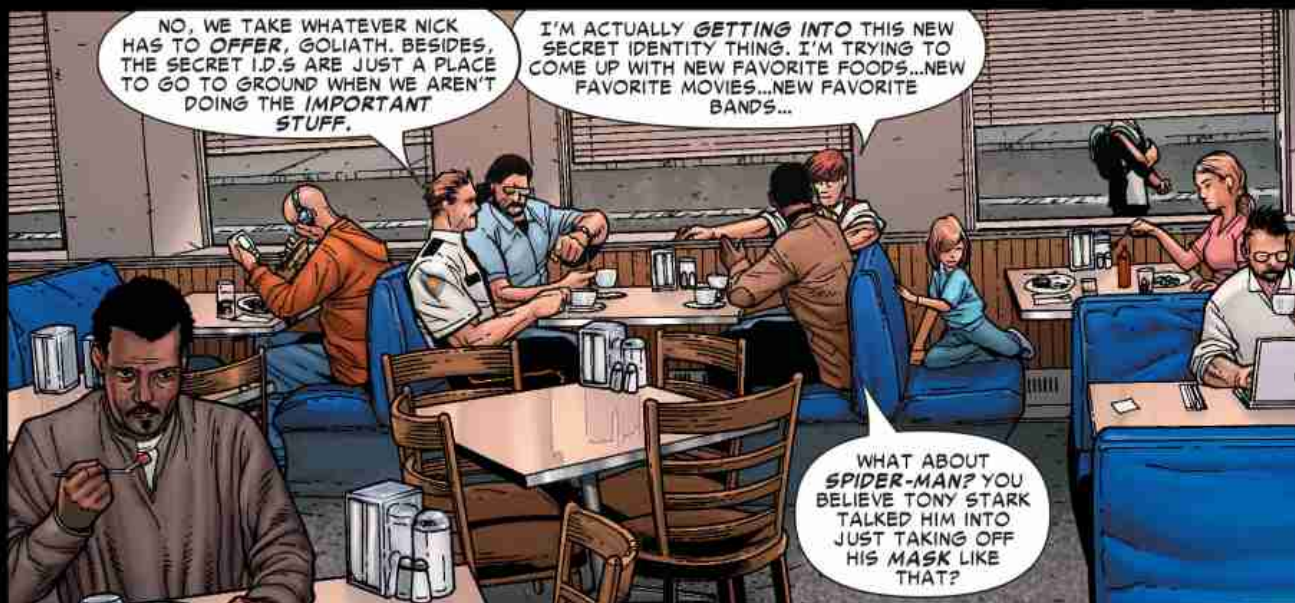
MY NAME IS COOPER PEYTON, AND I'M AN ENGINEER FROM LONG ISLAND.

GOLIATH:

WHAT KIND OF NAME IS ROCKWELL DODSWORTH?

AND HOW THE HELL DID I END UP AS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER? I TOLD NICK FURY I WANTED TO BE SOMETHING COOL--LIKE AN ACTOR OR A RACE CAR DRIVER.

YOU THINK HE COULD MAYBE GET ME SOMETHING ELSE?



NO, WE TAKE WHATEVER NICK HAS TO OFFER, GOLIATH. BESIDES, THE SECRET I.D.'S ARE JUST A PLACE TO GO TO GROUND WHEN WE AREN'T DOING THE IMPORTANT STUFF.

I'M ACTUALLY *GETTING INTO* THIS NEW SECRET IDENTITY THING. I'M TRYING TO COME UP WITH NEW FAVORITE FOODS...NEW FAVORITE MOVIES...NEW FAVORITE BANDS...

WHAT ABOUT *SPIDER-MAN*? YOU BELIEVE TONY STARK TALKED HIM INTO JUST TAKING OFF HIS MASK LIKE THAT?



STRATEGICALLY, IT'S A BRILLIANT MOVE. NOBODY'S GUARDED HIS SECRET I.D. MORE THAN SPIDER-MAN, SO IT'S A POWERFUL MESSAGE FOR ALL THE COSTUMES STILL SITTING ON THE FENCE.



ARE YOU WELL, CAPTAIN? YOU SEEM A LITTLE QUIET.



JUST THINKING ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT I HAD TEN MINUTES AGO WITH A KID FROM THE "MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION".

I TOLD HIM WE'D PLAY BASEBALL IN HIS BACKYARD FOR A WHILE, BUT THE PLACE IS PROBABLY CRAWLING WITH CAPE-KILLERS.



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THEY'VE STOLEN FROM US WITH THIS REGISTRATION GARBAGE.

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE US WHO WE ARE.



GEFFEN-MEYER CHEMICALS:





OF COURSE IT'S
A TRAP. HOW ELSE
WERE WE GOING
TO GET YOU ALL IN
ONE PLACE?



WHAT THE HELL HAVE
THEY DONE TO THEM,
CAP? THEY'RE OUT
COLD!



JUST A LITTLE TRANQUILIZER
TO MAKE SURE NOBODY GETS
TELEPORTED AWAY, KIDDO.

SKY-BIRD ONE,
YOU GOT THESE
GUYS IN YOUR
SIGHTS?



READY
WHEN YOU ARE,
SPIDER-MAN.
JUST GIVE THE
WORD.



S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER:

MARIA HILL TO ALL AIRBORNE
AGENTS: YOU ARE ONLY THERE
IN A SUPPORT CAPACITY. HOLD
YOUR FIRE AND AWAIT
FURTHER ORDERS.



YOUR
PAYMASTERS
GOING SOFT,
TONY?

WE DIDN'T COME
HERE TO ARREST
YOU, CAP. I TALKED
S.H.I.E.L.D. INTO
OFFERING YOU ONE
FINAL AMNESTY.



YOU MEAN A
SURRENDER?

THANKS, BUT
I THINK I'D
RATHER TAKE
MY CHANCES.



DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT
PRINCIPLES, SPIDER-MAN.
I SAW THAT LITTLE STUNT
YOU PULLED ON TV. IS MARY
JANE HAPPY ABOUT THE
SANDMAN HAVING HER
ZIP CODE NOW?

AW, C'MON. THE
ONLY PEOPLE WHO
WIN WHEN WE'RE
FIGHTING EACH
OTHER ARE THE
BAD GUYS, BIG
MAN. THIS GOES
AGAINST EVERY
PRINCIPLE YOU
EVER BELIEVED IN.



CAP, PLEASE. I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY.
I KNOW IT'S AN ENORMOUS CHANGE
FROM THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS WORKED,
BUT WE AREN'T LIVING IN NINETEEN
FORTY-FIVE ANYMORE.

THE PUBLIC DOESN'T
WANT MASKS AND
SECRET IDENTITIES.
THEY WANT TO FEEL
SAFE WHEN WE'RE
AROUND, AND THERE'S
NO OTHER WAY TO
WIN BACK THEIR
RESPECT.



YOU'VE KNOWN ME HALF MY ADULT LIFE,
CAP. YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T DO THIS
UNLESS I BELIEVED IN IT WITH ALL
MY HEART.

WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
JUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO TELL
YOU OUR PLANS FOR MY TWENTY-
FIRST CENTURY OVERHAUL.











YOW. CAREFUL, CAP. YOU COULD TAKE A GUY'S EYE OUT WITH THAT THING...

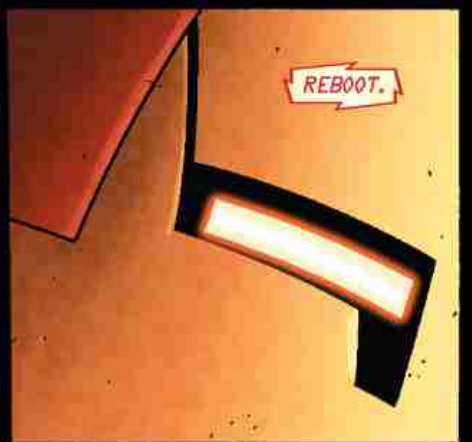
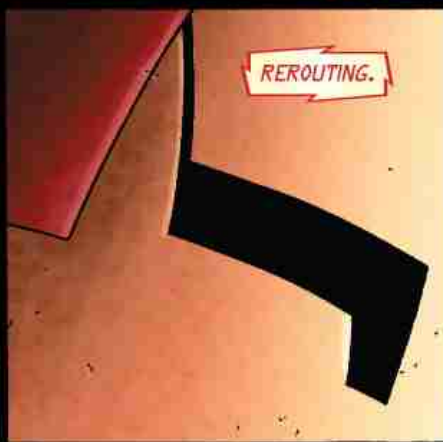


...LIKE THESE POOR SCHMUCKS, FOR INSTANCE.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHERE'D HE GO?

SPIDER-MAN'S WEARING A NEW SUIT STARK DESIGNED, PATRIOT: BULLET-PROOF, GLIDE-FUNCTION AND STEALTH-MODE...













ZOMBIE